

Biography of Colleen M. Kelley, National President National Treasury Employees Union

National President Colleen M. Kelley is the leader of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), the nation's largest independent federal sector union. As the union's top elected official, she is at the forefront of NTEU's efforts to achieve the dignity and respect federal employees deserve. As spokesperson for the union, Kelley represents NTEU in the media and testifies before Congress on issues of importance to NTEU members and federal employees.

Kelley serves on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Senior Leadership Council and she also serves on labor-management partnership councils for the IRS and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Kelley is also serving as a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Senior Review Committee (SRC) which is exploring a new human resources system for DHS employees.

Kelley is a member of the Federal Salary Council, the Employee Thrift Advisory Council of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA) Board of Directors.

Kelley is a member of the Board of Governors of the Partnership For Public Service, committed to enhancing perceptions of public service and encouraging participation in the public sector. She served as a member of the Commercial Activities Panel, a special panel created by Congress to study and make recommendations regarding the practices and policies of contracting out federal programs and services to the private sector.

A NTEU member since 1974, Kelley was an IRS Revenue Agent for 14 years. She served in various NTEU chapter leadership positions, including chapter president of NTEU Chapter 34 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In August 1999, Kelley was first elected National President. She was re-elected to a second four-year term in August 2003 receiving 99.68 percent of the votes cast.

A Pittsburgh native, Kelley joined the IRS upon graduation from Drexel University, with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She also earned a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is a certified public accountant (CPA).

